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Dear Students, Parents & Carers,

Thank you to all students who have transitioned so well to the new guidance regarding face masks that have been in place since Monday 17 May. We retain a stock of spare face masks in school, but if your child will be travelling on school transport, please ensure they bring a facemask and suitable storage bag for when it is not in use. If individual students and staff wish to continue wearing face masks as per the guidance that was in place earlier this term, these individual decisions will continue to be supported within our school.

It should be noted that the reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, students or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern. We will keep you informed of any further changes in guidance.

Again, thank you for your continued support in ensuring students undertake twice weekly Lateral Flow Device Tests and for also recording your results via the links, shared again below.

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

[Link to report to school](#)

If you receive a positive test result outside of school hours, please telephone **07498717490** as soon as possible. This will enable me to take the required action as soon as I am alerted and put the necessary protocols in place for the remainder of your child's bubble. Please note this number must only be used in the event of a positive result being confirmed.

Booking details for next week's Year 8 'virtual' Parents' Evening (Thursday 27th May) have been issued via MILK this week. We look forward to sharing the progress of our students with you. Thank you to all parents and carers that have engaged so well in this new method for Parents' Evenings over the course of the pandemic.

This May half term, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to their holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'.

If you previously signed up to the scheme and received vouchers for either the October half-term, Christmas holidays, February half-term or Easter holiday, there is no need to sign up again; you will automatically receive your voucher.

However, if you have not signed up previously you will be able to do so before 24th May using the link below:

[Holiday Free School Meal Application Form | Have Your Say Gloucestershire \(engagementhq.com\)](#)

Please note that this Holiday Free School Meal scheme is not the same scheme as the EdenRed vouchers provided by the school during term time. You will still need to register to the scheme to receive holiday vouchers for this May half-term, even if you receive vouchers during term-time from EdenRed.

Once you have signed up, you should receive your vouchers from selectcode@select-your-reward.co.uk between 27th and 28th of May.

This week our Year 12 A Level Sports students were provided with an excellent opportunity to experience an afternoon of rowing under the guidance of Rebecca Clepham from Hartpury University Rowing. The students had a great few hours which started with a rowing masterclass on the indoor rowers at Gloucester Rowing Club. After a tour of the boat house the students took to the water. The boys decided to row in single seaters and the four girls rowed in a quartet. Mr Edgell informed me that the weather held firm and no one got wet, which has been the opposite to the majority of our school days this week!

This week also saw the hotly anticipated football rematch between the Yr 12 & Yr 13 students take place. Despite a rain swept pitch the Yr 13 students stormed to victory with a winning goal slotted home by Sam Tibbles. A great way to end the sporting term for these students. As ever, the sportsmanship on display between the two teams was superb. Congratulations to all involved!

A final reminder to please nominate Newent School for this draw to help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself! Enter the competition online, it only takes a minute: <http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mr Phillips', written in a cursive style.

Mr Phillips
Acting Principal